

**Boyd, Jocelyn**

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**From:** Chip Huggins <ChipHuggins@schouse.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2020 10:09 AM  
**To:** Boyd, Jocelyn  
**Subject:** [External] Fwd: Friarsgate odor

Jocelyn - Just wanted to make the PSC and you aware of this situation with Blue Granite - thanks very much and I hope you are surviving this coronavirus pandemic we will get through this and you stay safe and healthy and have a great Easter - Sincerely Chip Huggins

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Caldwell, Rick" <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>  
**Date:** April 10, 2020 at 8:57:55 AM EDT  
**To:** Chip Huggins <ChipHuggins@schouse.gov>  
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**Subject:** RE: Friarsgate odor

Good Morning Chairman Huggins and Team

This email was supposed to have been sent yesterday afternoon but went to my drafts box instead. I apologize for the tardiness of the email.

Please see yesterday's email update.

Our staff met today with facility representatives onsite. Actions are being taken by the facility to reduce and to prevent odors in the future. We will reach out to the facility tomorrow to see if today's actions are having the desired effect.

We confirmed that the odor is emanating from a prior to the facility's discharge to the City of Columbia's system. We did confirm that there is no overflow occurring.

We will provide an update tomorrow.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best Regards  
 Rick C.

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**From:** Chip Huggins <[ChipHuggins@schouse.gov](mailto:ChipHuggins@schouse.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 09, 2020 1:58 PM  
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Thank you very much

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On Apr 9, 2020, at 1:54 PM, Caldwell, Rick <[CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov)> wrote:

Good Afternoon Chairman Huggins  
 Thank you for the email. We will work with our Environmental Affairs team on this issue and provide you with updates.  
 Best Regards  
 Rick C.

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**From:** Chip Huggins <[ChipHuggins@schouse.gov](mailto:ChipHuggins@schouse.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 09, 2020 1:24 PM

**To:** Rick Toomey <[rt7779@msn.com](mailto:rt7779@msn.com)>; Caldwell, Rick <[CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov)>  
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Director Toomey & Mr. Caldwell - we have had a lingering odor problem over the years with the Friarsgate treatment plant for what used to be Carolina Water Service and is now Blue Granite - we notified them of this a few days ago and nothing at this point has been done and I would like to ask you all to please get involved in this and try to remedy this situation permanently there have been too many promises and none of them have been kept so please take the necessary steps - The odor is profuse and certainly infiltrates the Irmo area very prominently - I know this is extremely busy time for you all given the coronavirus involvement etc. but as soon as possible please do something to resolve this issue - thanks very much for all you do! Sincerely Chip Huggins

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On Apr 8, 2020, at 1:34 PM, Gary Walsh <[walshconsultingllc@sc.rr.com](mailto:walshconsultingllc@sc.rr.com)> wrote:

Chip wanted to give you an update on Friarsgate!

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**From:** Deb Clark [[mailto:Deb.Clark@carolinawaterservicenc.com](mailto:mailto:Deb.Clark@carolinawaterservicenc.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 08, 2020 11:40 AM  
**To:** Gary  
**Subject:** Friarsgate odor

Hey Gary,  
 Here is what our Regional Manager found at the location and how we are going to address the odor.  
 Please relay this information to Rep. Huggins.

There is an odor at the EQ tank and screenings unit but it's not terrible. CWS has started adding deodorizer to the basin as well as washing down and cleaning the EQ tank and will be doing this frequently. We found the old industrial scent unit that sprayed a deodorizing scent around the old WWTP and will be setting that up as well around the EQ basis and around the screenings unit.

We will continue to monitor and do our best to cut down the smell.

Thank you,

Deb

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